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Part B for May 1922

SUBJECT.

Food Supply arrangements

To

The Revenue Commissioner in Kut

No 675-G Dt 29-4-22

States that Govt do not see any reason to modify their direction in regard to Mr S Chakrapani's pleader in their order Dt 23-11-20

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P.P. File No. 6 of 1924.

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From the Rev. Canon Ly Sam
certn reference to Govt. G. No. 93. &
P. P. 6-G. 63023. MW 15 20 forwg
for perusal Copy of do. letter written
by Mr. S. Chakrapani Iyengar in the
matter of his irregularities in the Post
Office at Srivilliputtur
The file Law referred to has been
put up in another Connection vide
remarks in the reg. slip but copy
of the approved Govt. No. letter
reported to may be sent to the
Dy. Canon & Rly for remarks.
HJ
4/5 Pl. Put up the file if not back now.
Bm
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one file is sang now now before the
Rev. Secy (vide remarks on the regn. slip).
Subd- perusal & orders
HJ 31/5/24
Chargeman
Bm
31-5-24

Papers may be kept for urgent reference
if desired & will be returned after use
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Records with papers
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The file referred to is sent herewith.

Sheer (with Compts) — Sheer 6 encls

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It will be seen from the Collection placed below (Viz: P.P. 6-19- Sls 239, 245, 413) that the G.O, ~~mat~~ of the 23rd November 1920 making certain observations on the conduct of Mr. Chakrapani Iyengar, has been based on the unofficial notes of the Food Controller and the Revenue Commissioner. Vide notes pp. 9-23. in that Collection. Kind attention is invited to paragraph 3 of the Food Controller's remarks of the 27th Sept. 20.

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In the S. D. O's explanations which were received with the Depty Comrs report of 4 Jan 1920, I do not think that ~~it~~ it was mentioned that there was no restriction or discrimination at the Food Depot

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Committee meeting. The entire records after case that were returned to the D.C may be called for (under this in reserve. (while this is awaiting the papers req'd after Res Sett may be sent for upto that time)

Returned to

Draft 12.11.21.

Issue 19.6.21

Submit a draft reminder.

To The Dy. Coml. Kolar.

D.O.N. 2631/P.P. dt 12.11.21.

Invites refree to this letter dt 21.6.21 asking for the records relating to the irregularities in the disposal of the stock of rice at Srinivaspur during Decbr 1919 and requests the favour of sending the papers in question without further delay.

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Those of the original papers required for this Case (which had once come to Govt.) are now found in the limited file vide flags C, W. S, B & T)

Chief Secy

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The main or only contention of Mr Chakrapani Iyengar in his present explanation is that no definite decision as regards the continuance of the ~~food~~ rice depots after 1-1-1920 was recorded at the Dt Food Supplies meeting held at Kolar on the 20th Dec^r 1919 and that therefore ~~his~~ the Censure Conveyed to him in G.O. No G 10093-8 PP. 6-19-SC 413 Dt 23rd Nov^r 1920 is based on incorrect data.

The G.O. in question doubtless refers to "the decisions of the Dt. Food Supply Committee meeting held on the 20th December 1919" and to "Resolutions passed therein". Mr Chakrapani Iyengar now denies "the statement that any resolution or decision was arrived at at the meeting" and ~~Cont~~ adds "all that took place was some discussion regarding

the desirability of Continuing the sales for some time longer, but no definite decision or understanding was arrived at."

But this denial, it is submitted, comes a bit too late

The G. O of 23-11-1920 is not the first document in which the 'decision' is referred to The D.C. Court specifically referred to it in its G.O. No C.495 of 8/9th Jan 1920 and called upon the S.D.C. to submit explanation for "the failure to take any action after it had transpired in the meeting on 20-12-1919". Mr Chakrapani Iyengar's opportunity to take his present stand was when he replied to that G.O. In his reply, however, he is found admitting " in the course of the discussion, the sale to Madanapalli merchants was negatived"; "I said that the quantity recommended to Madanapalli merchants might be transferred to Mulabagal"; and "the matter had been discussed at Kolar at the meeting and the depot sales were intended to be Continued for some time longer".

Though these admissions are qualified by the statement "So far as I followed the proceedings, I did not then understand

definitely what quantity was to be supplied from Srinivaspur; and I naturally expected the specific orders of the Deputy Commissioner in the matter, for necessary action" there is nothing in his letter No H: C. 498/19-20 dt. 17th Feb 1920, like the flat denial now advanced by Mr Chakrapani Iyengar.

The fact seems to be therefore that the trend and the result of the discussion was as stated by the Dy Comr, but that Mr Chakrapani Iyengar expected further orders, as no definite decisions qua decisions were recorded and read out & consequential instructions given at the meeting

Whether a decision was recorded or not is after all merely a matter of form. The fact remains that the gist of the discussions was known to Mr Chakrapani Iyengar, as admitted by him and that he failed to take adequate precautions in his Sub-division against the occurrence of a situation quite inconsistent with the result of the discussions. Decisions apart,

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the discussions themselves threw a special degree of responsibility on the S.D.G in regard to his tasks — a responsibility concurrent with and not excluded by the D.G.'s responsibility for the entire Dn. While therefore the G.G may be, strictly speaking, not probably quite accurate as basing the censure on decisions, the censure itself is equally well based on the discussions.

A draft letter as personally instructed to Lab D

Chiefs

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Extract from the Proceedings of the 606 th *Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Mysore on the* 12th April 1922. 19

255. Subject. - Clause v of the schedule.

Confidential report on the character and work of Mr. S. Chakrapani Iyengar and his representation about modifying the previous Government Order censuring him in connection with mismanagement of rice depot at Srinivaspur.

OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council sees no reason to modify the orders already passed with reference to mismanagement of the Srinivasapur rice depot.

(Signed) A. R. Banerji,
Offg. Dewan of Mysore.

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Extract from the Council Resolution of 12.4.22 in the matter is put up- may the draft in the file already approved by the Chief Secy. issue.

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Chief Secy's order in CB File No. 232-21

Issue 3 drafts.

Subd. - M. K.
28-4-22.

To the Rev. Comr. in Mysore.

No. 6754/P.P. dy. 29.4.1922.

States that Govt. do not see any reason to modify their direction in regard to Mr. S. Chakrapani Iyengar in their order dy. 23.11.1920.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

No. *Bangalore*,....30th..April..1921....

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PP 6-19-421

K.R. Srinivasiengar, Esq., M.A.,

Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

Chief.

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

SIR,

Referring to Government Order No.G.10093-8/P.P. 6-9-413 dated 23rd November 1920 passing orders in regard to the irregularities in the disposal of rice at Srinivasapur and making certain observations about Mr. S. Chakrapani Iyengar, Sub Division Officer, Chintamani Sub Division, (at present at Davangere), I have the honour to forward herewith in original for the perusal and orders of Government D.O.No.A. dated 13th instant together with its enclosures received from Mr. Chakrapani Iyengar.

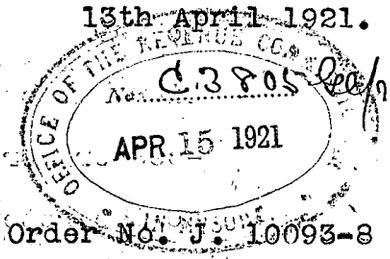
2. The main charge against Mr. Chakrapani Iyengar in respect of which Government have directed their displeasure to be communicated to him is that, though he was present at the meeting of the District Food Supply Committee held on 20th December 1919 and was aware of the resolution passed at the Meeting, he failed to give necessary instructions in accordance therewith to the Taluk Sheristedar of Srinivasapur whom he met at Srinivasapur on his return from the meeting. If, as stated by Mr.Chakrapani Iyengar in his present letter, no definite decision was really arrived at or resolution recorded about the disposal of the rice at the meeting, the case against Mr. Chakrapani Iyengar will assume quite a different turn and he will have to be exonerated from blame.

I have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

Confidential.

13th April 1921.



Dear Sir,

Adverting to Government Order No. J. 10093-8 PP. 6-9-413 dated 23rd November 1920 passing orders in regard to the irregularities in the disposal of rice at Srinivasapur and stating that I showed lack of interest and responsibility in dealing with the situation &c, I venture to submit that the actual facts have apparently not been placed before Government by the Deputy Commissioner of Kolar and feel that I owe it to myself that the mistake should be corrected at an early opportunity. It appears from the copy of the Govt. Order that was sent to me confidentially, that reference is made therein to a 'Resolution' said to have been arrived at at the meeting at Kolar on 20th December 1919, and it is stated, that knowing the resolutions passed therein, I did not think it necessary to give instructions either oral or written to the Sheristadar regarding the disposal of rice. I beg respectfully to be permitted to deny the statement that any resolution or decision was arrived at at the meeting. All that took ~~xxx~~ place was -- some discussion regarding the desirability of continuing the sales for some time longer, but no definite decision or understanding was arrived at. It was well known that each Amildar that actually attended the meeting used his own discretion in the matter for want of orders, and so far as I have heard @@@ large stocks were disposed of in Malur and other depots subsequent to the meeting. In this connection I beg to submit for perusal of Government a copy (marked A) of the explanation given by Amildar of Chintamani (Mr. B. Venkatakrishnappa) who was also present at the meeting and who sold out the stock he had after coming from the meeting. His explanation to the Deputy Commissioner dated 11-2-20 reproduced below speaks for itself.

" x x x x At the meeting held on 20th December 1919 the question of continuing the Govt. Depot

Depot till the end of May was discussed but so far as I can remember no definite decision was come to. I waited till the 24th December for some definite orders in regard to the retention of the stock on hand but as I got none, and as the price of new local rice at the shandy on the 21st idem was reported to have gone down to 5 seers per rupee ~~pee~~ I thought I might be held liable for any loss that might occur and sold only as much as I thought would remain on hand at the end of December. x x x I may also be permitted to point out that if there had been any clear & definite understanding that the stock on hand should not be sold to merchants there was no necessity for the District Economic Superintendent's D.C. received on the 31st December asking me to stop sales to merchants. "

Besides the above clear refutation by the Chintamani -- Amildar, my letter to the Deputy Commissioner dated 31-12/1-1-20 immediately after the Taluk Conference at Sidlagatta held on 30-12-19 urging for the continuance of sales (a copy of which marked B is herewith forwarded) would also show that no decision was arrived at at the Kolar meeting, and if there had been any such decision there was no necessity on my part to -- make the reference. I beg to state that I gave oral instructions to the Amildar of Sidlagatta to continue the sales and also --- made the above reference to the Deputy Commissioner when a reply was received to the effect, that orders had since been given as regards continuing the retail sales. The fact of the matter is that while each Amildar did as he thought best in the absence of instructions, the taluk Sheristadar of Srinivasapur who was doubtless cognizant of our intentions for reasons of his own which are not bonafide brought about an unexpected result by selling such huge stocks in an incredibly short time.

The whole trouble seemed to have been primarily occasioned by the grave ommission on the part of the District Economic Su-perintendent (Mr. R. Thirunarayana Iyengar) to communicate in time the order, if any, that might have been given to him by the Deputy Commissioner or any other order that might have been issued from the Office of the Food Controller in the matter. It looks as if he had forgotten altogether about it or was awaiting instructions from above and then sent a D. O. on the very last day of December to Amildars to stop sales to merchants.

I learnt shortly afterwards that the Deputy Commissioner expressed his severe displeasure at the neglectful conduct of the District Economic Superintendent. But I find from Govt. Order that he has very cleverly saved himself, while a part of the @@@ blame has been thrown on me. It is not my desire that he should be got punished, but speaking seriously about the matter, I do not know where my responsibility lay when no resolution or deci-sion was come to at the meeting and no definite instructions were given: and it was often the case that such instructions were issu-ed direct to Amildars themselves. I beg to state respectfully that I nevertheless did my best in the circumstances, though sub-sequent events seem to point out that it was to the interest of the party primarily responsible, to put together something and show that I was lacking in interest and so on. It was indeed a pity that I refrained from speaking to the Deputy Commissioner - personally in this matter, which I felt delicate to do, and I be-lieve it was this unfortunate ommission on my part that led to the making of a report by him in the manner he has done after a very long time, and in making which he ~~might have been~~ misled. I doubt whether the correspondence above referred to containing the explanation of the Chintamani Amildar was brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner, and so far as I recollect, it did not bear even his initials, when I forwarded it with my opinion in September 1920, which was called for by the District Economic Su-perintendent, signing for Deputy Commissioner, long after the De-puty Commissioner's report to Government in July 1920 about the rice question.

It is hardly necessary for me to say that I did my very best at Chintamani by making strenuous efforts to practically organize a new office, amidst severe handicaps of accommoda - tion and staff, and by attending to matters of real importance, working in hour and out of hour, though it was unfortunate that my work was not duly appreciated, by the present Deputy Commi- ssioner, with whom I had to differ in personal and other ~~matters~~ questions as I thought his undue interference led to discon - tent and impaired the efficiency of work in the offices of my charge. I now find to my regret that I was not wise, but I have the consciousness that I have done my duty there as I had done elsewhere during my long official career of which, 10 years' service has been put in as Assistant Commissioner.

During my last interview with the Dewan in December last, I took the opportunity of bringing to his notice some of the above matters and I felt he was satisfied with the explana- tion. I was then not aware of the actual order of Government in connection with the food case, nor of the nature of the Deputy Commissioner's report in that connection. And as I find that the order of Government is apparently based on a report in which the facts have not been fairly presented, I respectfully beg that you may be so good as to kindly forward this representation to Government, so that in the light of the facts now placed before them they might be pleased to modify their observations in refer -ence to me.

Yours Sincerely,

J. Chakrapani Rao

Sub-Division Officer.

To,

K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esq., M.A.,

Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,

B A N G A L O R E.

F.C.10/19-20.

The explanation of the Amildar might kindly be obtained as to the circumstance under which 70 bags of rice were sold to merchants after the 20th December 1919. The Amildar attended the meeting on that date held at Kolar. An early reply might be submitted with his ipinion in the matter.

(Sd) R. Thirunarayana Iyengar,
For Deputy Commissioner
5-2-20.

H.C.400/19-20.

Forwarded to the Amildar of Chintamani for compliance.

(Sd) S. Chakrapani Iyengar,
Sub-Division Officer,
7-2-20.

No. 184/En.

Submitted

I disposed of only 70 bags to merchants so that I might be able to close the depot on 31st December 1919 as per orders of Govt. At the meeting held on 20th December 1919, the question of continuing the Government Depots till the end of May was discussed but so far as I can remember, no definite decision was come to. I waited till the 24th Dec. 1919 for some definite orders in regard to the retention of the stock on hand but as I got none and as the price of new local rice at the shandy on the 21st idem was reported to have gone down to 5 seers per rupee, I thought I would be held liable for any loss that might occur & sold only as much as I thought would remain on hand at the end of December. Besides, 50 bags out of the 70 issued to Mr. Sheriff Sab, who had been promised 500 bags. I issued in all only 300 bags to him.

(Sd) B. Venkatakrishnappa,
Amildar, 9-2-20.

P.S. I may also be permitted to point out that if there had been any clear and definite understanding that the stock on hand should not be sold to merchants, there was no necessity for the District Economic Superintendent's D.O. received on the 31st December 19 as king me to stop sales to merchants.

(Sd) B. Venkatakrishnappa,
Amildar, 9-2-20.

H.C.400/19-20.

Submitted to the Deputy Commissioner
(Sd) S. Chakrapani Iyengar,
Sub-Division Officer, 11-2-20.

"Copy
S Chakrapani Iyengar
13/4/21

H.C.736/19-20.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

Dated 31-12-1919.

Adverting to his memo No. A. Dated 19-12-19, forwarding the petition of residents of Sidlagatta praying for the continuance of the sale of Burma rice in retail at the Govt. Depot for some time more and calling for report has the honor to state that it would take at least 3 or 4 months to have a good supply of new foodstuffs in the markets. If the depot is closed just at present, it would no doubt create some hardship to the poor and a large body of people that had assembled at Sidlagatta on 30-12-19 for the Taluk Conference urged the necessity for the continuance of the depot in the interests of the poor in view of the fact that the price is ruling high in the market and the poor are exposed to considerable amount of hardship. The Amildar who was consulted in the matter promised to continue selling rice in the Taluk Office by employing at least on of the officilas of his regular staff to look after the work if it is so decided that the temporary establishment now sanctioned should cease.

There are at present 825 bags of whole rice and 1,113 bags of broken rice or Nochu in the Taluk Depot. The bulk of the nochu may be disposed of to merchants as there does not seem to be much demand for it locally and the sle of whole rice may be continued for the next 3 or 4 months, say till the end of April 1920, or till the stock is sold out. Early orders are solicited.

The petition is herewith returned.

(~~Initialled~~) S.Chakrapani Ayyar

Sub-Division Officer,

1-1-1920.

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Signed by__

The Dy Comr, Kolar

Sir,

Adverting to G.O No G 10093-81 P.V. 6-19-413 dt the 23rd November 1920, regarding the irregularities in the disposal of the Stock of rice at Srinivasapura I am directed to request you to kindly forward immediately for reference the entire records of the case ~~referred~~ forwarded with your letter No C 449 dt 4-7-1920 and returned to you on 26-11-20

I have &c

for Chief Secy

19.6.21

SUBJECT.

6754 IPD 1,-09-423

29/4/22

To

The Secretary

Sir

Adverting to your letter no C-3805/202-D 30th April 1921 submitting a letter explanation from Mr S Chakrapani Iyengar in regard to the irregularities in the disposal of rice at Srirangapuri, I am directed to state that Mr Chakrapani Iyengar's present explanation is not consistent with that submitted by him in June 4 and Feb 4 1920 in regard to what took place at the meeting held at Kolar on the 20th Dec 1919, and that in respect of the further decisions or resolutions were recorded or written down at the meeting Mr Chakrapani Iyengar's admissions in regard to the discussions at the meeting and his impressions as to the conclusions, as given

Sd Ch. Sec. K. Matthai
29.4.22

although no decisions were recorded or minuted as such, certain course of action had evidently been decided upon by C. Iyengar favourable to the Mysore interests, in view of this

in more respects

are sufficient to show that the
Dy Chakrapani was in charge
had a special degree of
responsibility in watching
the operations at the Srinivaspur
Food depot and in fact
in all the talukas of this sub division
in the last days of Dec[r] 1919.

The Dy Com[r]'s responsibility for
the Control operations throughout
the Dt was concurrent with that
of S.D.O. is for their
Subdivision and is not exclusive
their responsibility

Govt do not therefore see
any reason to modify their
direction in regard to the
Chalapani Dy Com[r], in their
order No G.-0093-8-PR-6-19-413
of the 23rd Nov[r] 1919.

Yours etc

Chief Sec[y]